

[23 February, 2001]

RAJYA SABHA

**Privatisation of Central Schools**

308. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that standards have gone down in Central Schools, Navodaya Vidyalayas, Government managed schools and people remember Central Schools when they find difficult to get a seat in public schools (private);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government are considering any proposal to privatise all Central Schools or nationalise all private schools?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The performance of the Kendriya Vidyalayas and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas does not reflect any decline in standards of these schools.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration.

**Development and expansion of technical education**

†309. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the need for promotion of development and expansion of technical education in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the private sector would also need to be encouraged for promoting this kind of education system;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the private sector has to have recognition from Government to run such education system, which take years together; and

(d) if not, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes Sir.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.